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SUBJECT: ACTION MEMORANDUM: NORTH KOREAN MESSAGE TO USG
(S/S NO.7609051)

FOR THE SECRETARY FROM HABIB. IO HAS CLEARED

REF: SECTO 11059

1. PRESIDENT PARK HAS AGREED TO OUR SUGGESTED COURSE OF ACTION ON HANDLING RESPONSE TO NORTH KOREAN NOTE IN ACCORDANCE WITH YOUR EARLIER GUIDANCE. PRESIDENT PARK HAS SUGGESTED, AND WE AGREE, THAT THIS SHOULD BE DONE IN NEW YORK WITHOUT DELAY IN ORDER TO GET OUR RESPONSE ON THE RECORD BEFORE ANY POSSIBLE NORTH KOREAN PUBLICATION OF THE NOTE. IN ADDITION WE WISH INFORM THE JAPANESE, BRITISH AND OUR OTHER CORE GROUP ALLIES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER CONVEYING OUR RESPONSE TO THE
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NORTH KOREANS.

2. RECOMMENDATION:

THAT YOU AUTHORIZE THE ATTACHED TELEGRAM INSTRUCTING
USUN TO RESPOND TO THE NORTH KOREAN NOTE.

3. BEGIN QUOTE:

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IMMEDIATE: USUN SEOUL IMMEDIATE

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SUBJECT: NORTH KOREAN NOTE TO THE USG

1. PRESIDENT PARK HAS AGREED TO OUR APPROACH ON PROPOSED
HANDLING OF NORTH KOREAN NOTE. USUN ADMINISTRATIVE
CONTACT SHOULD TELEPHONE NORTH KOREAN MISSION AND CONVEY
FOLLOWING POINTS:

A. THE NORTH KOREAN PROPOSAL CONTAINED IN ITS MARCH 11
NOTE IS OBVIOUSLY UNACCEPTABLE TO US.

B. THE ATTENTION OF THE NORTH KOREAN OBSERVER MISSION
IS DIRECTED TO THE CONSTRUCTIVE U.S. PROPOSALS CONTAINED
IN SECRETARY'S SEPTEMBER 22 UN SPEECH LAST YEAR INDICAT-
ING THAT THE U.S. IS PREPARED TO TALK TO NORTH KOREA
BUT ONLY IN A FORUM IN WHICH THE ROKG PARTICIPATES.

2. FYI: WE WOULD ALSO EXPECT NORTH KOREA TO SURFACE AT
SOME POINT LETTER AND FACT OF ITS DELIVERY, PROBABLY
HIGHLIGHTING THEIR PROPOSAL FOR MEETING BETWEEN NORTH
KOREA AND USG. IF THIS HAPPENS WE WILL PUBLICLY CON-
FIRM FACT OF DELIVERY, INDICATE THAT LETTER WAS SIMPLY
REITERATION OF STANDING NORTH KOREAN PROPAGANDA THEMES
AND THAT UE AND THE ROKG REMAIN READY TO MEET TO DIS-
CUSS MAINTENANCE OF ARMISTICE AGREEMENT AND OTHER
MEASURES TO REDUCE TENSIONS. AT SAME TIME WE WILL
STRESS THAT USG WILL NOT ACCEPT EXCLUSION OF ROK ON
MATTERS SO OBVIOUSLY AFFECTING ITS FUTURE. IN OUR
VIEW ANY PUBLICATION OF LETTER WOULD REVEAL OBVIOUS
PROPAGANDA NATURE OF NORTH KOREAN APPROACH. END FYI.

3. AS REQUESTED BY ROKG, USUN SHOULD NOT INFORM ROKG UN
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MISSION OF RESPONSE TO NORTH KOREANS AT THIS TIME,
BUT SHOULD CABLE DEPARTMENT AND EMBASSY SEOUL WHEN
RESPONSE PASSED TO NORTH KOREANS. WE WOULD EXPECT
ROKG SUBSEQUENTLY TO INFORM ROKG UN MISSION IN TIME
TO FACILITATE COORDINATED USG-ROKG REPORT TO CORE
GROUP AT MAY 5 MEETING. IN ANY EVENT, USUN SHOULD
CONFIDENTIALLY INFORM JAPANESE AND BRITISH AT HIGH
LEVEL OF NORTH KOREAN APPROACH AND OUR HANDLING OF

IT AS SOON AS CONVENIENT AFTER RESPONSE TO NORTH
KOREAN MISSION AND REPORT TO SEOUL. IT PARTICULARLY
IMPORTANT THAT JAPANESE BE INFORMED PRIVATELY BEFORE
OTHER CORE GROUP MEMBERS. END QUOTE.

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